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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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**AN ORDER REGARDING THE USE OF GREEN CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY
AND CERTIFIED WOOD FOR STATE-OWNED AND STATE-FINANCED BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION**

WHEREAS, the urgency and costs of global climate change, energy supply, building operation and construction, and resource sustainability have increased since issuance of the 2003 Executive Order promoting green building standards in state construction; and

WHEREAS, the state of Maine has demonstrated the ability to construct green buildings that are consistent with resource sustainability goals while meeting the service objectives and fiscal constraints of state government operations; and

WHEREAS, recent improvements in several green building rating systems have enabled more economical construction of green-rated buildings of all sizes, uses and complexities with locally appropriate designs, construction methods and building materials; and

WHEREAS, increasing volumes of wood construction materials from Maine and elsewhere are being produced using wood that is certified as originating from well-managed forests, and many of these wood products are recognized by life-cycle assessment systems as environmentally superior construction materials; and

WHEREAS, Maine state government can lead by example by identifying, promoting and implementing economical and cost-effective green building designs and construction materials in state-funded or state-administered construction:

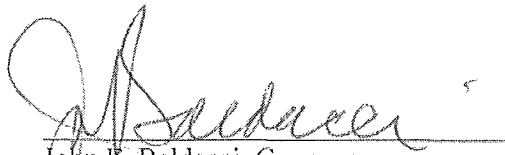
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby call for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services' Bureau of General Services, the Department of Education and the Maine State Housing Authority, in conjunction with the designated departments and agencies, to undertake the following measures to advance the use of cost-effective green building practices for state-owned and state-financed building construction and renovation as follows:

1. The Commissioner of the Department of Education and the Director of the Bureau of General Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, the Director of the Office of Energy Independence and Security, and

- other stakeholders as identified by the Commissioner and the Director, will examine any remaining obstacles to using certified green construction methods and environmentally preferable materials for facilities built, owned or financed in whole or in part by or through the State and subject to the applicable public improvement construction laws.
2. The Director of the Maine State Housing Authority, in consultation with the stakeholder group that advises the Director on green construction practices, the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation, and other stakeholders identified by the Director, will examine any remaining obstacles to using certified green building construction methods and environmentally preferable materials for facilities financed by the Maine State Housing Authority under the Authority's mission of providing affordable housing to Maine residents.
 3. The Commissioner of the Department of Education, the Director of the Bureau of General Services and the Director of Maine State Housing Authority will make recommendations regarding wood procurement with the objective that when wood products are determined to be the most appropriate material for construction, the wood should be obtained from forests that are certified by recognized third-party certification entities when such certified-sourced products are competitively and economically available.
 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Education, the Director of the Maine State Housing Authority and the Director of the Bureau of General Services will report their findings and recommendations for significantly advancing the use of green certified building construction methods and materials for the projects they administer. This report will be transmitted to the Governor by December 31, 2008. The report will also be transmitted to the Commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is June 18, 2008.


John E. Baldacci, Governor